

CLAIMS

As a result of the AMENDMENT dated June 25, 2003 claims 1-16, 27-30, 39-43 and 45 were presented for examination. Claims 17-26, 31-38 and 44 were either withdrawn or canceled.

In the Office Action mailed August 22, 2004, claims 1,2, 27-29 and 45 were rejected. Claims 8, 9, 14-16, 30 and 39-43 were allowed and claims 3-7 and 10-13 were objected to.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable flask comprising:

a first panel having a first top, a first bottom and a first perimeter, said first panel being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material, first panel having a first right side and a first left side spaced from said first right side, said first right side and said first left side each extending between said top and said bottom, and said first top having a left section extending angularly away from said first left side and a right section extending angularly away from said first right side and a middle section between said left section and said right section;

a second panel having a second top, a second bottom and a second perimeter, said second panel being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material and being sized to be substantially the same in projection as said first panel, said second panel having a second right side and a second left side spaced from said second right side, said second right side and said second left side each extending between said top and said bottom and said second top having a left section extending angularly away from said second left side and a right section

extending angularly away from said second right side and a middle section between said left section and said right section;

a perimeter seal formed by joining said first perimeter of said first panel to said second perimeter of said second panel to define a liquid retaining volume;

a first spout having a first base sealed in said perimeter seal, said first base with having an aperture formed therein for communicating liquid into and out of said liquid retaining volume, said first base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said first aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each being shaped to intersect each other to form a first tip and a second tip and each of said first outer surface and said second outer surface being configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal between said first perimeter of said first panel and said second perimeter of said second panel proximate the first top of said first panel and the second top of said second panel, and said first spout being positioned proximate said first top and said second top; and

a second spout having a base sealed in said perimeter seal, said second base having an aperture formed therein for communicating liquid into and out of said liquid retaining volume and second spout being positioned proximate said first top and said second top spaced from said first spout.

2. (Newly Canceled)

3. (Newly Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The portable flask of claim 3-1 wherein said first spout is positioned in said perimeter between said first panel and said second panel in said first section of each of said first top and said second top.

5. (Original) The portable flask of claim 4 wherein said second spout is positioned in said perimeter between said first panel and said second panel in said second section of each of said first top and said second top.

6. (Original) The portable flask of claim 5 wherein said middle section of said first panel and said second panel has a first leg extending from said first spout to an apex and a second leg extending from said apex to said second spout, said first leg and said second leg being sized in length for effecting a stable seal along said perimeter between said apex and said first spout and said second spout respectively.

7. (Original) The portable flask of claim 6 wherein said apex is arcuate with a radius less than the length of one of said first leg and said second leg.

8. (Allowed) The portable flask of claim 39 wherein said apex is arcuate with a radius less than the length of one of said first leg and said second leg and wherein said perimeter seal is a flat seal having a depth.

9. (Allowed) The portable flask of claim 8 wherein said depth is from about one fourth of an inch to about one inch.

10. (Original) The portable flask of claim 6 wherein said first base has a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said first aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal between said first perimeter of said first panel and said second perimeter of said second panel proximate the first top of said first panel and the second top of said second panel.

11. (Previously Amended) The portable flask of claim 39 wherein said second base has a third outer surface and a fourth outer surface spaced from said third outer surface with said second aperture positioned thereinbetween, said third outer surface and said fourth outer surface each configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal between said first perimeter of said first panel and said second perimeter of said second panel proximate the first top of said first panel and the second top of said second panel.

12. (Previously Amended) The portable flask of claim 11 wherein said first base has a first edge and a second edge with said aperture thereinbetween and with said first outer surface and said second outer surface extending-between said first edge and said second edge.

13. (Previously Amended) The portable flask of claim 12 wherein said second base has a third edge and a fourth edge with said aperture thereinbetween and with said third outer surface and said fourth outer surface extending between said third edge and said fourth edge.

14. (Allowed) The portable flask of claim 39 further including a first cap sized and configured for sealing removable attachment to said first spout to inhibit the movement of liquids into and out of said liquid retaining volume and a second cap sized and configured for sealing removable attachment to said second spout to inhibit the movement of liquids into and out of said liquid retaining volume.

15. (Allowed) The portable flask of claim 14 wherein said first base has a bottom and a top with said aperture extending between said top and said bottom and wherein said second base has a bottom and a top with said aperture extending between said top and said bottom.

16. (Allowed) The portable flask of claim 39 further including a third panel formed of a flexible liquid retaining material, said third panel being sized to attach to and extend between said first bottom and said second bottom, said third panel being sealed to said first panel and said second panel at said first bottom and said second bottom and upward therefrom along opposite sides of said first panel and said second panel.

17. (Withdrawn)

18. (Withdrawn)

19. (Withdrawn)

20. (Withdrawn)
21. (Withdrawn)
22. (Withdrawn)
23. (Withdrawn)
24. (Withdrawn)
25. (Withdrawn)
26. (Withdrawn)
27. (Newly Canceled)
28. (Newly Canceled)
29. (Newly Canceled)
30. (Allowed) A portable flask comprising:

a first panel having a top, a bottom and a perimeter, said first panel being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material;

a second panel having a top, a bottom and a perimeter, said second panel being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material and being sized to be substantially the same in projection as said first panel;

a perimeter seal formed about the perimeter of said first panel and said perimeter of said second panel joining said perimeter of said first panel to said perimeter of said second panel to define a liquid retaining volume within said perimeter;

a first spout having a base sealed in said perimeter seal, said base of said first spout having an aperture formed therein for communicating liquid between said liquid retaining volume and exterior of said portable flask, said base of said first spout having a first outer surface

and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said first aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal between said perimeter of said first panel and said perimeter of said second panel proximate the top of said first panel and the top of said second panel;

a second spout sealed in one of said first panel and said second panel; and
a third spout having a base sealed in said perimeter seal, said base of said third spout having an aperture formed therein for communicating liquid between said liquid retaining volume and exterior of said portable flask, said base of said third spout having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said aperture of said third spout positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal between said perimeter of said first panel and said perimeter of said second panel proximate the top of said first panel and the top of said second panel.

31. (Withdrawn)

32. (Withdrawn)

33. (Withdrawn)

34. (Canceled)

35. (Canceled) (claim number never really used due to an error).

36. (Canceled)

37. (Withdrawn)

38. (Canceled)

39. (Allowed) A portable flask comprising:

a side wall means for defining a liquid retaining volume, said side wall means being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material and said side wall means having at least an upper edge and a lower edge, said side wall means including a first panel having a first right side and a first left side spaced from said first right side, said first right side and said first left side each extending between said upper edge and said lower edge and a second panel having a second right side and a second left side spaced from said second right side, said second right side and said second left side each extending between said upper edge and said lower edge, said first panel having a first top with a left section extending angularly away from said first left side and a right section extending angularly away from said first right side and a middle section between said left section and said right section, and said second panel having a second top with a left section extending angularly away from said second left side and a right section extending angularly away from said second right side and a middle section between said left section and said right section, said middle section of said first panel and said second panel having a first leg extending from said first spout to an apex and a second leg extending from said apex to said second spout, said first leg and said second leg being sized in length for effecting a stable seal along said perimeter between said apex and said first spout and said second spout respectively;;

a perimeter seal formed in said upper edge of side wall means and in said lower edge of said side wall means;

a first spout having a first base sealed in said perimeter seal, said first base having a first aperture formed therein for communicating liquid into and out of said liquid retaining volume,

said first base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said first aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal proximate said first top and said second top between said first panel and said second panel in said first section of each of said first top and said second top; and a second spout sealed into one of said perimeter seal and said first panel, said second spout having a second aperture for communicating liquid into and out of said liquid retaining volume and positioned proximate said first top and said second top spaced from said first spout in said perimeter seal between said first panel and said second panel in said second section of each of said first top and said second top, and said second spout having a second base sealed in said perimeter seal, said second base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said second aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each being configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal.

40. (Allowed) The portable flask of claim 39 wherein said second spout has a flange sealed to said first panel and wherein said second spout is sized for communicating solids into and out of said liquid retaining volume.

41. (Allowed) The portable flask of claim 40 wherein said second spout is sized for communicating ice cubes into said liquid retaining volume.

42. (Allowed) The portable flask of claim 39 wherein said second spout has a second base sealed in said perimeter seal, said second base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said second aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each being configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal.

43. (Allowed) The portable flask of claim 41 further including a third spout having a third base sealed in said perimeter seal, said third base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with a third aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each being configured to be sealed into said perimeter seal.

44. (Withdrawn)

45. (Newly Canceled)

46. (Newly Added) A portable flask comprising:

a liquid retaining volume including a first side surface and a second side surface each having a top and bottom, said liquid retaining volume being formed of a flexible liquid retaining material, said top having a left section, a right section and a middle section between said left section and said right section, said left section extending angularly toward said middle section and said right section extending angularly toward said middle section; a perimeter seal to retain liquid in said liquid retaining volume, said perimeter seal including said top and said bottom, said perimeter defining a said liquid retaining volume;

a first spout positioned proximate said top and having a first base sealed in one of said left section and said right section of said top, said first base with a first aperture formed therein for communicating liquid into and out of said liquid retaining volume, said first base having a first outer surface and a second outer surface spaced from said first outer surface with said first aperture positioned thereinbetween, said first outer surface and said second outer surface each being shaped to intersect each other to form a first tip and a second tip and each of said first outer surface and said second outer surface being configured to be sealed into one of said top portion and said bottom portion of said perimeter seal;

a second spout sealed in one of the other of said left section, said right section and in said bottom portion, said first side surface and said second side surface; and

a third spout sealed in another of said left section, said right section and in said bottom portion, said first side surface and said second side surface